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SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED FROM FONOFF COPY OF GOJ POSITIONS ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS, WHICH ARE SET OUT BELOW. END SUMMARY.

QUOTE: THE FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY AND NOT EXHAUSTIVE COMMENTS ON SECRETARIAT-PROPOSED WFC DELCARATION AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. DRAFT DECLARATION
(1) IF DECLARATION IS ADOPTED AS DOCUMENT WHICH REPORESENTS FRUITION OF DEBATE AT CONFERENCE ON WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES RE-LATING TO WORLD FOOD PROBLEM, TITLE OF DOCUMENT SHOULD BETTER BE CHANGED TO, FOR EXAMPLE, "DECLARATION ON GLOBAL ACTION TO SOLVE THE WORLD FOOD RPOBLEM."
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(2) WE FIND SOME DIFFICULTY IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (B) AND (D) OF

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OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH IV. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH V SHOULD BE WRITTEN IN MORE BALANCED MANNER BY INCORPORATING IN GENERAL TERMS ELEMENTS SUCH AS IMPORTANCE OF TRADE STABILITY AND ENSURED ACCESS TO SUPPLY.

2. DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 1

WE CAN BASICALLY GO ALONG WITH THIS DRAFT, BECAUSE, IN ORDER TO SOLVE PROBLEM, WE BELIEVE PRIME IMPORTANCE BE ATTACHED TO THE PRODUCTION INCREASE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH THEIR SELF-HELP, WHILE COUNTRIES CAPABLE OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED SHOULD SUPPORT THIS SELF-HELP.

3. DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2

EFFORTS OF FAO SHOULD BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED IN ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING CONCEPT OF "INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT". THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST ADD PHRASE LIKE "APPRECIATING EFFORTS MADE BY FAO AND ITS MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FOR PROMOTING CONCEPT OF "INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT" BEFORE VERB "STRESSES" IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1.

REGARDING OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3, WE THINK DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS UNDP IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT; THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST TO REVISE THIS PARAGRAPH TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"CALLS ON UNDP AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO REVIEW AND STRENGTHEN THEIR CRITERIA AND ACTIVITIES FOR FINANCIAL AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE TO ....."

4. DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 4

WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC TARGET IN MONETARY TERMS IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5, THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF ITS PRACTICABILITY SHOULD BE MADE FIRST OF ALL; THUS, WE SHOULD AVOID REFERENCE TO ANY CONCRETE TARGET FIGURE.

5. DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 5

(1) REGARDING PREAMBLE PARAGRAPH 4, WE SUGGEST TO ADD SOME APPROPRIATE PHRASE IMMEDIATELY AFTER "THROUGH EXTERNAL FOOD AID, BOTH MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL", REFLECTING PHILOSOPHY THAT PRINCIPLA MEANS OF IMPROVING NUTRITIONAL STANDARD IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE PRODUCTION INCREASE BY SELF-HELP.
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(2) ON OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4, WE CONSIDER THAT SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING FOR CHILDREN UNDER MALNUTRITION SHOULD ALSO BE PROMOTED PRIMARILY BY SELF-HELP EFFORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; THEREORE, IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO REVISE THIS PARAGRAPH TO READ "UNICEF, IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERESTED INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, EXAMINE THIS MATTER".

6. DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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WE CONSIDER THAT THE UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY BEING EXAMINED BY FAO WOULD CONSIDERABLY CONTRIBUTE IN ENHANCING SUPPLY DEMAND STABILITY AND EMERGENCY FOOD AID, IF UNDERTAKING COULD ENJOY PARTICIPATION OF ALL COUNTRIES IN WORLD. BASED ON THIS EXPECATATION, WE CAN IN PRINCIPLE SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION.

HOWEVER, OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 CONTAINS CONCEPT OF NEGOTIATION. WHICH IS NEW COMPARED TO THE UNDERTAKING, AND WE CONSIDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE DELETED IF ONE STANDS ON THE VIEW POINT THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DRAFTED ALONG THE LINE OF THE UNDERTAKING.

7. DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 8

(1) BOTH "A LONG-TERM FOOD AID POLICY (PREAMBLE 1), AND "THE CONCEPT OF FORWARD PLANNING OF FOOD AID (OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1)", NEED TO HAVE A QUALIFYING PHRASE, "REASONABLE DEGREE OF CONTINUITY OF FOOD AID".

(2) IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES WOULD ESTABLISH MEDIUM-TERM FOOD AID REQUIREMENTS AS GLOBAL TARGET; HOWEVER, FEASIBILITY STUDY IS FIRST OF ALL REQUIRED AND REFERENCE TO ANY CONCRETE TARGET FIGURE SHOULD BE AVOIDED AT THIS STAGE.

(3) REGARDING OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2(A), VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION OF EACH GOVERNMENT IS THE PRINCIPLE ADOPTED IN WFP; THEREFORE CAREFUL STUDY IS REQUIRED WHETHER "AN AGREED MINIMUM SHARE" IS APPLICABLE TO OPERATION OF FOOD AID BY WFP.

(4) WE ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT ESTABLISHING A NEW INTERNATIONAL "SPECIAL FOOD AID ACCOUNT" AND ABOUT CREDITING AUTOMATICALLY THE ACCOUNT WITH THE REPAYMENTS OF FOOD AID.

(5) OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 SHOULD BE TONED DOWN TO READ AS FOLLOWS; "REQUEST FAO, IN COOPERATION WITH WFP AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED TO PLAY THE ROLE OF USEFUL CHANNEL OF INFORMATION CONCERNING MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL FOOD AID."

(6) WITH REFERENCE TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4, QUESTION OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE EXAMINED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

FAO UNDERTAKING. WE HAVE SOME DOUBTS ABOUT ASKING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO EARMARK,SEPARATELY FROM THE UNDERTAKINGS, A PART OF THEIR FOOD RESERVES AS THE RESERVE FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. ALL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SHOULD ABOVE ALL MAKE THEIR OWN EFFORTS TO HOLD THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL RESERVES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE WORLD FOOD SECURITY. IF THERE STILL REMAIN SHORTCOMINGS, THEN DEVELOPED AND OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS ARE CALLED UPON TO MAKE THEM UP.

(7) INTERNATIONAL FOOD RESERVE PROPOSED IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5 REQUIRES A FULL STUY ON ITS NECESSITY AND FEASIBILITY. REFERENCE TO ANY CONCRETE FIGURE SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

8. DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 9

(1) WITH REGARD TO PREAMBLE PARAGRAPH 3, INTERESTS OF BOTH IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS SHOULD BE ENTERTAINED.

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(2) OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 SHOULD BE TONED DOWN BY CHANGING "TO FORMULATE" INTO "TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY TO FORMULATE". THE PHRASE, "INCLUDING RESERVE STOCKS" SHOULD BETTER BE DELETED.

9. DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 10

(1) IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1, WE SHOULD SEEK A BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS, SO WE SUGGEST TO INSERT NEW PARAGRAPH STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS OF IMPORTERS TO SUPPLY. AND THE WORD "SATISFACTORY" SHOULD BE TONED DOWN TO "REASONABLE".

(2) IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2, WE SHOULD ADD "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OF SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF AGRICULTURE" IN LINE WITH TOKYO DECLARATION.

(3) MEANING OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 IS NOT CLEAR. E HOPE FOR DELETION OF "FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMODITY BUFFER STOCKS".

(4) WE DO NOT SHARE VIEW EXPRESSED IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5. THIS PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE TONED DOWN BY DELETING THE CLAUSE BEGINNING BY "SO THAT." UNQUOTE.

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